## LOOKS VERY BAD FOR MR. BRISTOW

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General's Work Will Cause Him Lots of Trouble.

CHICAGO, March 14-Walter Wellman, Record-Herald Washington correspondent, says in a dispatch to that paper that the Bristow report, involving 191 men in Congress in connection with Postoffice department affairs, is regarded as the blunder of the age, and predicts the retirement of both and Postmaster-General Payne.

President Takes a Hand.

Mr. Wellman says: "President Roosevelt took a hand today in an effort to repair, as far as may be possible, one of the most stupid political blunders ever committed in this country. He summoned to the White House Speaker Cannon and Representative Overstreet, chairman of the House Committee on Postoffices, and also Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, the reputed author of the now famous report implicating Senators and Representatives of both parties in the so-called violations of law in connection with the rentals and clerk

allowances in postoffices. BRISTOW A POO BAH. "What President Roosevelt said to Bristow is not known, but it is understood that Roosevelt spoke his mind very plainly about the stupidity, or worse, which induced some one to per-petrate this colossal blunder. Bristow says be did not prepare all of the re-port-only a small part of it. But he stands as the responsible person behind stands as the responsible person behind it, and it was prepared by his subordi-nates acting under his orders. It could not have seen the light of day at all but for his authorization, and hence he is the man who will have to stand most

of the blame. "What connection Postmaster-General Payne had with the affair, if any, has not as yet developed, as Payne is all. Besides it is notorious that in regard to all these scandals and alleged scandals Bristow, and not Payne, has been running the Poster fine department. been running the Postoffice department

for some time.
"There is, therefore, great engerness to learn what spirit of malice or of in-eptness, or desire to play a huge prac-tical joke, prompted Bristow or some one else to compile this report, which would be ludicrous if it were not so outrageous.

No one would be surprised if the blunder were to lead to the retirement from official life of both Postmaster-General Payne and Bristow. Payne is ill at best, and has lost his nerve, which never was any too strong. Bristow has clearly outlived his usefulness. There are blunders, said a wise man, which are worse than crimes, and this must stand in history as the greatest administrative and political blunder of

century, century, Many of the more indignant members of the House have wanted to give their committee power to investigate the Postoffice department itself and to throw light upon all the methods em-ployed by Bristow in running down the scandals. These members believe enough information could be found to make it impossible for President Roosevelt to retain Bristow in office. It is claimed his methods have been imperi-ous, tyrannical and, in some instances,

SLEUTHS AT WORK.

among inspectors or detectives as with other mortals, and no one looks to that class of individuals as a rule for exam-ples of absolute purity of motive and method. Members of the House would method. Members of the House would like to know why it is that a good many of the officials of the Postoffice department, against whom no charges are made, have been reduced in rank and pay and why inspectors have been promoted to their places. In other words, they say it is about time to investigate the investigators.

report to leave the Postoffice depart-ment. Senators and Representatives of both political parties are named as having violated the law or a rule of de-partment and asked that their constit-uents might have a little more allow-ance for rentals of postoffices or for clerk hire. clerk hire.

This is what Senators and Represen-This is what Senators and Representatives have been doing ever since the Government was founded. In the opinion of their constituents, that is what they are here for—to act as errand boys for their districts and to secure tunnovement of the local Government. improvement of the local Government service, postal and other. To hold these men up to the world as criminals or wrongdoers for attention to their du-ties as representatives of the people is about as foolish a piece of business as ever happened outside an insane asy-

"But these men must go before their constituents within a few months for renomination and election, hence they do not relish being put in the 'grafter class' in an official report. Their politi-cal enemies or rivals for their seats in their own party are already at their cal enemies or rivals for their seats in their own party are already making use of these 'disclosures'. One member today received word from home that a local paper had suggested his case should be turned over to the grand jury for indictment, whereas all in the world that member did was to ask the Postoffice department to give a post-office in his district another clerk.

"The New York Evening Post had an

"The New York Evening Post had an editorial a day or two ago suggesting that even the Speaker of the House had joined the ranks of the petty grafters. These facts show what a lot of harm may be done, as well as what great injustice, to the members of Congress whose names are used in this asinine compilation.

"The management of that depart-ment is such that it has lost the confidence of Congress,

+ POSTAL INQUISITORS IN STAR-CHAMBER SESSION

WASHINGTON, March 14.-The special committee of the House to ment" of members of Congress continued its work behind closed doors + + for three hours today and then took + + a recess. The committee is making + a detailed study of each case in the + report. It will first determine those cases in which there appears on the surface an indication of wrongdoing on the part of the members. -+ if there are any such, before taking the testimony of witnesses.

# WOMEN'S WAR ON SENATOR SMOOT

Head of Organizations in Philadelphia Says Utahn Must Go.

PHILADELPHIA. March Shocking as are the admissions that have been drawn from Prophet Smith. there are worse stories to come," said Mrs. Frederic Schoff, chairman of the committee of the women's organizations who are fighting for the unseating of Senator Smoot.

"The expulsion of Reed Smoot is now virtually assured, but that is only an incident of our fight on polygamy. We have made it a means for bringing forth the truth before all the country. We were greatly afraid that he would remign and prevent the Senatorial inves-

Some of the testimony our lawyers have to present is horrible, quite unfit to print, and even unfit to be heard were it not that the evil itself may cease.

"We knew all this before we entered on the fight. We had learned by per-sonal investigation and through the sworn testimony of others just how bad the actual condition of affairs was, and we knew that if something were not done soon the sanctity of the home throughout the whole country would be | SPECIAL RATES FOR menaced.
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both morally and financially. They can aid by writing to their Senators and Representatives and by sending money to aid in the work. We need money to pay our lawyers and to pay the transportation of witnesses. Now is the time to cruek out notwanty and we intend o crush out polygamy, and we intend o do it before the fight is over. "Let those who wish to aid send their

checks to Mrs. Teunis Hamlin, 1316 Conneticut avenue, Washington, D. C. Thus far the women have borne all the expense. Now, I think it is only fair that the men should aid.

"The Americans in Salt Lake City are doing their part nobly. You know the Mormons do not call themselves Americans, they apply that appellation to all who are not Mormons.

"One of our troubles now is that many of the Mormons who were to be subpoensed have fled the country or are in hiding. There is enough other testimony, however, to accomplish the

Mrs. Schoff is the president of the National Union of Women's Organiza-tions and chairman of the committee that secured the trial of Senator Smoot.

### **NEGRO PREACHER URGES** RACE TO RETALIATE

"For months the Postoffice department has virtually been under the rule of a lot of detectives called inspectors.

Sensational Sermon Advocating Reprisals on Whites for Mob Outrages.

NEW YORK, March 14.-Employment of the torch and the bullet by the negro to defend his rights and to stop the lynching of blacks by white men was openly recommended in a sermon by the Rev. F. M. Jacobs in an African M. E. church of Brooklyn. He said the vestigate the investigators.

"Everyone in Washington marvels that President Roosevelt, with his penchant for giving close attention to all the details of department business, should ever have permitted this idiotic report to leave the Postoffice decart. sermon created a marked sensation.

"If wars are good for nations they are good for races," said the Rev. Mr. Jacobs. "Bishop Brown of the Metho-diat Episcopal church says that a race war is inevitable in this country and the negro will be exterminated. This is not true, for the negro is no coward: he will fight, and in a war between the races he will give as good an account of himself as he did at Fort Wagner and before Petersburg. They tell us to pray, but we have been praying and praying and now is the time for the negro to assert his manhood.

"The day is coming, the hour is ap-proaching when this must be done, for no race under the sun ever got its lib-

erty without fighting for it.
"There must be some sacrifice of life, if needs be to obtain the liberties of a people. The negro is no coward, and Germany and England know it from their African experiences. "Many of our lives are to be sacri-

ficed if we are to attain to manhood in this country. I love to tell you to pray, but all prayers and no fighting will do no good. Colored preachers in other churches urged their auditors to so conduct themselves as to win friends for their race,

ALLEGED SWINDLER

# RUN DOWN IN IDAHO

pecial to The Tribune. BOISE, Ida., March 14 - Sheriff Agnew arrived in the city this morning with Fred Gooch, wanted to answer to a charge of obtaining property under false pretonses.

Gooch was arrested at Milner yesterday, He was taken before Judge Herrick, by whom a warrant was issued last October,

MINE GUARD SLAYS

STRIKER IN COLORADO

PUEBLO, Colo., March 14.—Michael Calabrace, a striker, was killed by guards today at Prior. Calabrace is said to have fired four shots at a negro and then barricaded himself in his house. The guards burst open the front door and as Calabrace ran out the back way they shot him.

whom a warrant was issued last October, and his bond fixed at \$260 pending his preliminary, which has not yet been fixed. Gooch was unable to furnish a bond. The charge against Gooch is that he obtained a horse and eadle from Don Basil, a ranchman, through misrepresentation, although the accused maintains stoutly that there is a controversy as to whether a sale took place, and what the terms of the sale were. He claims that he purchased the animal from Basil, promising to send the money within ten days. Time went open and no money was sent in and a warrant was finally issued for Gooch s arrest.

## E. O. M'CORMICK GOES TO CHICAGO

Most Popular Railroad Man on the Pacific Coast Moves Up in the Harriman System.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14 .- The an councement was officially made today at the Southern Pacific offices that E. O. Mc. Cormick, passenger traffic manager of the company, has been promoted to the position of assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines and will enter up his duties in the Chicago office of Traffic Direc-tor Stubbs on April 1st.

Mr. McCormick's successor here is to be Charles S. Fee of St. Paul, who is at present general passenger and ticket agent of the Northern Pacific railway.

### ROCK ISLAND MEN RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

TOPEKA, Kan., March 14 .- E. R. Sutherland has been appointed superintendent of the El Paso division of the Rock Island. His previous position of assistant superintendent of the Kansas division, with headquarters here, has been abolished. W. O. Nevill, trainmaster of the Colorado division, with head-quarters at Goodland, has been transferred here and will be trainmaster of the Kansas division.

FREIGHT WRECK TIES

UP THE O. R. & N.

BOISE, Ida., March 14 .- A bad freight wreck which blocked the track of the O. R. & N. for ten hours occurred this morning about 1 o'clock just west of Durke, the first station west of Huntington. Several cars were smashed and the track was torn up for a distance of perhaps a hundred yards. No one was injured.

# TOURIST TRAFFIC

TOPEKA, Kan., March 14 - The Rock Island passenger department announces special concessions and rates for the California tourist traffic, and have put on extra equipment so as to be able to promptly attend to all their business in that direction.

Railroad Notes.

E. Drake, district passenger agent of the Rock Island, left last night for a trip to Denver on railroad business. General Manager Bancroft of the Ore-gon Short Line is on the way home from his trip to the coast.

T. Wardlaw has resigned the po-n of agent of the San Pedro road at Milford and has come to this city with his family to reside.
It is stated in Denver that A. H. Moffat, general agent of the Rock Island passenger department, has resigned, and that he will be succeeded in the position by C. B. Sloat of Pueblo. The Rock Island offices in this city have re-ceived no official notification of the change.

change. MINE-WORKERS' CHIEF BEATEN ON A TRAIN

TRINIDAD. Colo., March 14.-Chris Evans was beaten by three masked men with six-shooters today on board the with six-shooters today on board the Colorado & Southern passenger train bound for Poeblo, and was taken off the train at Walsenburg in a critical condition, with five bad scalp wounds. The masked men boarded the train at the Santa Fe crossing, a mile east of Trialdad, and after beating Evans jumped from the train, Evans is inancial manager of the United Mine Workers of America and was sent to Colorado by President John Mitchell. President John Mitchell.



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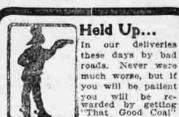
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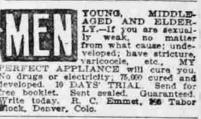
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